

Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollenfroh, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$251,093.150

BANKERS:—

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,

Manager,
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,186,000

BANKERS:—

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST—ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....4 per cent.
" 6 ".....3 " "
" 3 ".....2 " "

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [20]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, TO-MORROW, the 17th day of February, at Twelve o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1893.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [172]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [173]

Hotels.

FUJIYA HOTEL,
MIYANOSHITA,
HAKONE.

Four and a half hours from Yokohama.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
NATURAL HOT SPRINGS.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN ALL THE BUILDINGS.

TWO NEW ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

S. N. YAMAGUCHI,
Proprietor.

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, having been leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL" is NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES.
FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1893, TO MARCH 31ST, 1894.

One person, per day.....\$ 3.00
One person, per week.....19.00
One person, one month.....55.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per day.....3.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per week.....19.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month.....55.00

For full particulars apply to
VICTORIA HOTEL,
Hongkong, 16th October, 1893. [16]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000.....\$833,333.33
Equal to.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [774]

Notices of Firms.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

By Order of the Board of Directors, Messrs. B. SANDER & Co. will be in charge of the Company's BUSINESS at this Port during my temporary absence.

C. ZANELLA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [241]

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VICTORIA LODGE

HONGKONG, No. 1026.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [236]

ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [238]

Amusements.

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on SATURDAY, the 10th of March, 1894, Commencing at 1.30 P.M.

PROGRAMME:—
1. 120 Yards Flat Race (Handicap).
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
3. Long Jump.
4. Quarter mile (Handicap); Soldiers, Sailors and Police.

5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).
6. High Jump.
7. Ladies' Race, 1/2 mile (Handicap).
8. Veterans' Race.
9. 100 Yards (Challenge Cup).
10. Tag-of-War.

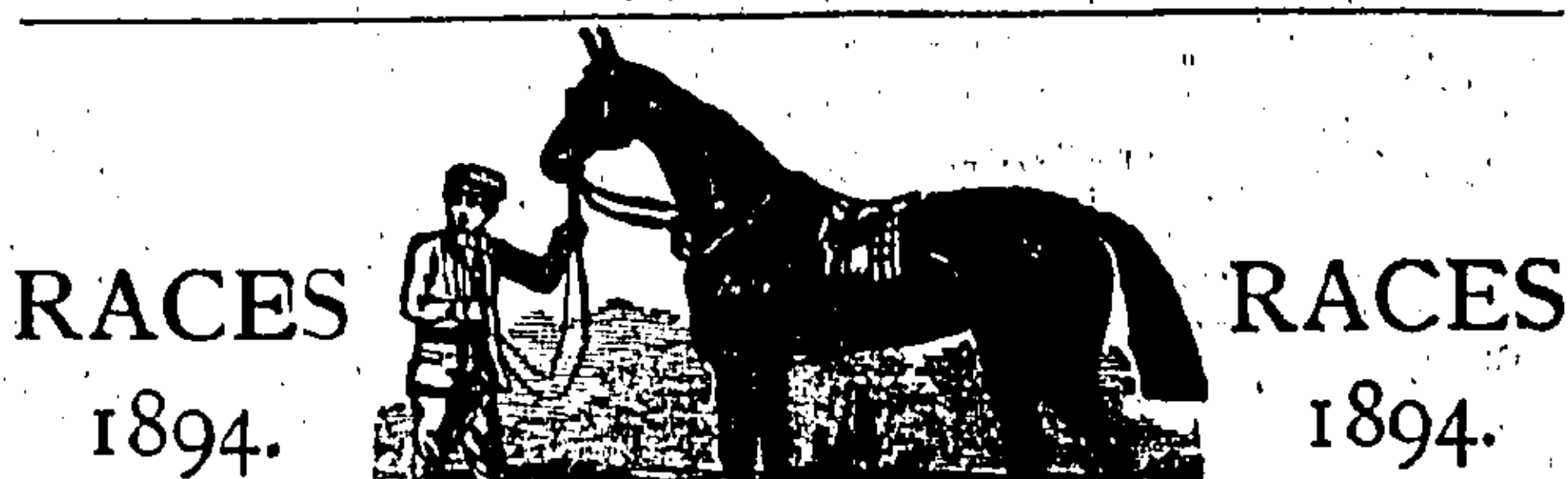
11. Hurdle Race (120 yards, 10 flights).
12. Quarter mile Flat Race.
13. 1/2 mile Flat Race (Handicap); Soldiers, &c.
14. Mile Flat Race.
15. 220 Yards (Handicap).
16. 440 Yards (120 yards).
17. Steeplechase.

18. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).
Nos. 4, 5, 13 and 18 are open events. Entry forms can be obtained after the 10th of February, 1894, at the "VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB," QUARRY BAY ATHLETIC CLUB, HONGKONG DOCK, or of the Undersigned, and must be sent in not later than February 15th, 1894.

A. DENISON,
Honorary Secretary,
H. 25 A. C.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [161]

Intimations.



RACES 1894.

SADDLERY, RACING GEAR, STABLE FURNITURE.

RACING SADDLES with Fittings complete, 31 pieces.

JOCKEY WHIPS. BRIDLES. RACING REINS.

BROWN LEATHER PONY HARNESS.

NEW CRAVATS, SCARFS, COLLARS, GLOVES, HATS, CARRIAGE RUGS, &c.

JOCKEY BOOTS, RACING TOPS.

JANECRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894. [150]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager,
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [229]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY THE

SHANGHAI NAUTICAL POCKET MANUAL, \$1.50.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DIARY, \$1.00.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH & CHINESE DATE BLOCK, 75c.

DOLLARS & STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES,

2/- to 3/6.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1894. [6]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY.

FOR THE RACES.

NEW STOCK OF

FELT HATS, TERAI HATS,

PEARL AND FAWN SHELL HATS.

SCARVES AND TIES.

RACING COLORS

MADE TO ORDER, AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED.

J. P. COTTAM,
MANAGING PARTNER.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [161]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), FEBRUARY 17TH, 1894, 2.45 P.M.

"MARTINI" CUP and SPOONS.

Ranger, 200, 500 and 600 yards; 5 Shots at each Range. Entrance fee for Spoons 30 cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Honorary Secretary,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1894. [46]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1894, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1893.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [178]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [183]

NOTICE.

MEETINGS for work in connection with the C. E. A. will be held by Mrs. BIRD, 15th February; Mrs. HAWKINS, 1st March; Mrs. WOODHOUSE, 8th, 15th and 22nd March, at 3.30. It is hoped that Members will be able to attend.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1894. [237]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast), Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1893. [1289]

WANTED.

A JOURNALIST to fill the position of SUB-EDITOR and SHORT-HAND REPORTER. Must be reliable, experienced and thoroughly competent.

Address: PROPRIETOR, "JAPAN ADVERTISER," No. 49, Yokohama.

Yokohama, 20th January, 1894. [196]

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN (English) aged 28, seeks suitable employment in an English or German House in Hongkong or any Coast Port of China. Able to converse well in ENGLISH, GERMAN and DUTCH, has a thorough practical knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING and GENERAL OFFICE WORK.

Apply to "X," c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [139]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, under new and experienced management.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION will be paid to the CURRANT.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially selected servants has been engaged and will be under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS, (Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later. If notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per Menu or Order—the Parties sending Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person.....\$35.00
Tipin.....\$15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast.....\$2.50
Dinner.....\$2.75
Dinner.....\$1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [131]

NGAI SHANG, 20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship. c/o 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625,

For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDU-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND COREA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found

THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Vladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Coochin-China, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and verified at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 contains a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG:

A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, The latest and only reliable

PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A CHAPTER ON SPORT gives all statistics up to date regarding the Derby, St. Leger and other great events, Athletic records, the WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, making "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valde mimum* for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 is printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Suez Canal.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, is published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office, or through any of our Agents at the various Ports, for

THREE DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, in the Australian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

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"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"

FREDERICK HILL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1894.

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS

ALSO FOR DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of

diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG: DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

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It is probable that the repairs to the *Hongchow*, necessitated by a collision with a vessel off Breaker Point on the 8th inst., will be completed early next month.

It is said that the Emperor of Japan has decided to grant free pardons to all political prisoners now in confinement upon the occasion of his forthcoming silver wedding.

The late Mr. Douglas G. Parker, whose death, at Penang, was announced a few days since, was Assistant Secretary to the Government of Penang. He had been ill for some time.

INSTRUCTIONS have been issued by the Japanese Government to the Buddhist and Shinto priests throughout the country that they are in no way to interfere in the forthcoming general elections.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Of late some very heavy shipments of bullion from Japan to Shanghai have been made. On the 6th inst. the steamer *Sakka Maru* carried \$300,000, treasure from Yokohama to Shanghai.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 30th ult., will leave for the 6th inst., at 10 o'clock morning, and will leave for this port on Monday morning.

News comes from Japan that the Chinese Government has decided to construct a railway line from Peking to Vladivostok, and that the timber required for the enterprise is now being ordered from Dal Nippon.

CAPT. WALKER of the steamer *Kora*, which arrived in Singapore on the 8th, reports having sighted on the 1st inst. the British barque *Cairn Hill*, of Liverpool in lat. 6 N., long. 85 deg. E., wishing to be reported "all well."

We read that over 30,000 inhabitants of Kaiofu, in Korea, have petitioned the Government to pardon their leader, Kim-kun, who fomented the late disturbance in that city. If their petition is rejected, it is believed that they will burst out again into another riot.

THE New Japanese warship *Yokura* arrived at Singapore on the 8th inst., and according to latest advices, will sail from that port tomorrow. She is briefly described as being a vessel of 4,200 tons, 34 guns, 1,500 horse-power and manned by a crew of 2,000 officers and men.

ACCORDING to the *Bangkok Times* the Siamese Government has in contemplation the partition, for administrative purposes, of the various provinces of the country in accordance with a scheme drawn up by Prince Damrong. The scheme is said to embrace the opening up of Siam by roads.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. W. C. H. Hastings, Sir To Ue was charged with fraudulent imitation of Sperry & Co.'s trade mark for flour, at 100, Praya West. William Whitley, manager of Messrs. Sperry & Co.'s China export branch in San Francisco, gave evidence to show several points in which the 32 flour bags found on defendant's premises differed from the real Sperry bags. The letters printed on them were slightly wrong, and the make-up was not the same. This was adjourned until Saturday, 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

THE Singapore *Free Press* understands that nothing will be done as to the settlement of the Mekong Buffer State arrangement before Nov. next, and it is believed that nothing will be done to settle the *perpetual* delimitation party on the British side until the summer, although the French Government have been notified that Mr. J. G. Scott is to be the British Commissioner. Probably the Government of India will decide on who are to go, and will almost certainly send men from the Intelligence and Survey Departments.

H. M. S. *Pigmy*, which sailed hence for the scene of the recent collision between the China Navigation Company's steamship *Hongchow* and the *Sakka Maru*, generally supposed to be about 8 o'clock last night this side of Breaker Point. The *Pigmy* is now cruising about in search of any wreckage by means of which the identity of the sunken steamer may be established. In the meantime, it may be added, Captain Derby of the *Hongchow* has applied to the Harbour Master to hold a Court of Inquiry to investigate the matter, but no date has yet been fixed for the assembly of the Court.

TENDERS for the supply of 3,558 tons of iron-pipes, which are still deficient for the Osaka waterworks, will be received by the Committee on the 21st inst. Tenders from 22 firms having been invited by the Waterworks Office. There will be required 10,610 24 in. x 22 1/2 in. 15,530 6 in., and 370 12 in. pipes, all to be 9 feet long. The *Japan Gazette* states that through silver depreciation, the office will lose 30,000 yen by inviting tenders now, while five months' delay in the construction will entail expenses in salaries, etc., amounting to 200,000 yen. The gains on the Waterworks Loan will thus not only be swallowed up, but there will be a net loss of 60,000 yen.

THE Japanese authorities seem to be very much on the *qui vive* just now on the subject of female expatriation, and the late collision at Singapore on the 6th inst. acting as the instigator of the local Japanese Consul, the police boarded the steamship *Madaya* and took charge of a party of Japanese girls, 34 in number, who, it is alleged, were unlawfully brought into the waters of that colony. Mr. Wray, Protector of Chinese, accompanied by Police Inspector Black, boarded the *Madaya* and annexed the women, who, it is said, will be shipped back to Japan. Six men, also Japanese, were arrested on board and will be called upon to answer the charge of kidnapping. No action has been taken against the captain or agents of the steamer; they, presumably, being in no way interested or concerned.

A MALAY, who arrived in Singapore on the 14th inst., reported there a case of daring piracy, which recently occurred off the coast of Sumatra. It seems a Chinese boat, loaded with rice and other things, was attacked by a party of Malays, who killed all the Chinese and looted the cargo. These things, says the *Free Press*, are of periodic occurrence, and there is not improbably a great many more than are reported. It is, of course, difficult, if not impossible, to prevent them entirely, but surely the Dutch gunboats might do a great deal more in this direction than they do. There has only been one occurrence of the kind in recent years in Singapore, and then the perpetrators were all caught and executed. To have to record such practical things at all, however, is the lawlessness and license of piracy rather than the vigilance and enlightenment and security of the nineteenth century.

MR. JUSTICE LAW, the Puisne Judge lately appointed to Singapore, took his seat in the Supreme Court there on the 6th inst.

It is said that Major-General Sir Charles Warren, whose command of the Straits garrison ceases at the end of March next, will proceed home via Hongkong and the United States.

DANCING is stigmatised by the *Japan Mail* as being an "extraneous and demoralising feature of Western Civilization." To the refining influences of what civilization could the man who penned the above be indebted, we wonder?

A REGULAR Convocation of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE baby murderer, Frances Koer, who was hanged in Melbourne last month, went to the gallows singing "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and even decorated the beautiful "Fast Falls the Eveningide." There can be no measure to the depths of blasphemous cant after this, surely!

THE: are at present 25,544,074.50 yen of the Japan National Banks' paper money in circulation, while the reserve during the week ending on the 3rd inst. was 65,530,951 yen, making a total of 85,075,026.50 yen or 55,926.50 yen above the maximum limit of 85,000,000 yen.

In his report on the working of the Raeb mines for the five weeks ending the 31st ult., Mr. Bibby says:—"On the 25th December, a general clean-up of the battery took place, yielding 1,016 oz. 14 dwts. 12 grs. smelted gold from 1,144 tons of ore crushed. This was not quite up to expectations, but gives a fairly payable result, besides paying for a large amount of permanent work which should be fairly charged to capital account." The general prospects continue to be favourable.

THE Coroner's inquest on the bodies of the two young children found dead after the fire in Station Street on the 14th inst. was concluded today. The occupant of the house at which the fire was caused by joss-sticks at a stall in the children were letting off crackers. In either case it is a distinctly preventable cause. One woman said she had saved a third little child, and tried to save the other two but was driven back by the flames; she did not explain how it was that nobody told the police or fire brigade. The Coroner (Mr. Wodehouse) entered a verdict of "death from burns or suffocation."

THE "Singapore and Straits Directory" for 1894, just to hand, is the most creditable work of its kind that has yet been sent in to us. Besides calendars for all the various races represented in the polyglot population of the Straits; local regulations and tables of fees for all sort of things; historical notes, and a large mass of other information which cannot but be of great utility, the directory proper shows signs of more and more careful development every year. The classification and other details are as near perfection as possible; the maps are good, and the whole book is in much handier form and size than in previous years. The local agents for the publishers, the Singapore and Straits Printing Office, are Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited.

THIS is how the *Eastern World* smashes on the Editorial wheel the sheet known within a limited sphere as the *Japan Mail*—The *Mail* of Japan, treaty revision, is snatched around the ring again and made to snap and kick at the business men of Yokohama, who for reasons that are inexplicable by any ordinary method of reasoning continue to support a journal that loses no opportunity to hold them up to scorn and derision, and which has never been actively engaged in conspiring against their interests. Today when they discover that the *Mail* is the only paper that sharpens the saw which cuts off the branch that they are sitting on, will come and must come, but the *Mail*'s pretended knowledge of state secrets serves to blind them. We can assure them, however, that the special information of the journal has no more reliable basis than the historians of Annus of Viterbo, who knew their names and made his inventions take the place of the lost originals of their writings, artfully adding counterfeits by pressing passages from known authors into service, in the same way as the *Mail* uses its translations from Japanese papers.

THUS the Singapore *Free Press* of the 9th inst.:—Death has been busy lately amongst the ranks of the uncouth gang of British traders who have in their own little way created quite a sensation in Singapore, not only as traders but as the victims of a whimsical foe. Before they left on their trading travels the whole colony of them, about 90 in all, now divided into several gangs, one of which is said to be in Saigon, swore neither to wash nor to change their clothes until they reached home again—at least so the story goes; and whether there can be no question that physically it is some where near the truth, if "frosy pores that talot the ambient air" afford any criterion. The gang in Singapore at the present time found their way here from Batavia some few weeks ago, where it is understood most of them contracted malaria fever. Finding themselves sick they made for Singapore, and since their arrival their number has been decreased by six, five of whom died in Hospital. The Police, however, are altogether satisfied with the fever theory, at least without further examination, and the stomachs of the deceased are to be subjected to analysis.

THIS is the sporting season apparently for the six seems thick with the tidings of matches already run and of others yet to eventuate. The latest decided was one out rather of the common, for Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, P.M. C.M.G., etc., acted as judge. Doctor A. M. Cowie and a wheelbarrow coach were the principals, and the event was brought off at Bowington yesterday afternoon. Briefly the facts are as follows:—The Doctor was riding into town from East Point, and had got as far as Bowington Canal without having to make any particular entry in his log-book; there, however, he encountered a coach bearing down on him (with a barrow in tow) desirous apparently of emulating the famous action of Don Quixote when he engaged the wind-mill. There was a collision, however. Cervantes' hero was armed, and meted out to the gallant Roastant; in this instance it was the Doctor who was charged. Luckily the Doctor saw the danger and owing to his superb horsemanship was enabled to dodge what was regarded by the semi-petified onlookers as an inevitable collision. Once clear, Roastant was discarded and the athletic medico set all in pursuit of the fleeing enemy. The prize was eventually secured and handed over to the Admiral—mean the Sixth policeman, and the drama was again snatched at the Magistrate's court this morning. Mr. Wodehouse, looked upon the Celestial's freak as being one fraught with much danger to equestrians and pedestrians alike, and imposed a penalty of \$10 or a month's imprisonment. The collector in the asylum now and no little credit is due to Doctor Cowie, whose exertions in the direction of street traffic reform will doubtless be much appreciated by the public.

THE London Lyrics are now playing in Singapore and will shortly open for a season in Hongkong. A number of new (to the East) and reputedly clever *artistes* are in the ranks and an enjoyable season may be looked forward to with confidence. Marie's "Little Cat" seems to please the heads, heads even more than the beautifully polio "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay" did. Happy baldheads!

THE lot of a Colonial Governor must indeed be big with petty annoyances—even if not with misery. Our "Very Own" cannot celebrate the anniversary of the auspicious day that saw him being ushered into this world of fraud and foolery, without being pelted with chunks of alleged poetry; and now we note that Sir Charles Mitchell, the recently arrived Governor of the Straits Settlements, has also been attacked. The nature of the assault can best be judged by reading the annexed couplet:—

One three chairs and three chairs more,
For the Governor of the Straits and Singapore.

Strange to say, no prosecution has yet been instituted.

DOMESTIC AMENITIES.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, a number of denizens of Wanchai appeared, tied up in handkerchiefs, and showing many marks of bad usage. John Thomas Cotton, overseer, unemployed, charged P. C. Palmer, with assault on the 14th inst. Mr. B. Bowley (Mr. H. L. Denney's office) defended. Complainant said that on the 14th inst. in question he and his wife were at his mother-in-law's house in Wanchai. During some dispute with a Mrs. Osborne at the street entrance, the two defendants came and attacked them. The female defendant seized witness by the throat from the back, shouting out filthy words at him and his wife; and then struck Mrs. Cotton in the face, and got hold of her hair. Witness managed to separate them, with some difficulty. The defendant snatched a glass of beer from the table, and tried to throw it at witness; but Mrs. Cotton was of much less weight than the other, and it was an unequal affair, so witness again tried to part them; Palmer then attacked Mrs. Cotton, struck her and tore her jacket, besides pushing witness off. Several relatives and friends of both sides and some strangers interfered, and at last after a free fight up and down the street they all went home. The male defendant was a dockyard policeman, and the other was his wife; there had been a great deal of very unavailing gossip going about, and Mrs. Osborne accused defendant of spreading mischief about her. Apparently the women had made it up to "give" a lambasting to witness and his wife. The first defendant said he would make witness into mince-meat, so that he would not be able to appear in court.

Cross-examined:—You used to be a tea merchant once?—Yes.

Why did you give that up?—It has nothing to do with this case, and I decline to answer.

His Worship:—Has it anything to do with this case?

Mr. Bowley:—It may have some bearing on it.

Witness:—It was because I failed in business. And there was a distrust on your house?—Yes.

And did Mrs. Osborne lend the money to pay it off?—She was security for the money which I borrowed.

And that was the reason you left that pair and had the quarrel?—No. I went to live in another house in the same street, and had no quarrel.

Was there a quarrel with Captain Wright?—No.

Did he not leave because you were so quarrelsome?—No.

You call yourself an overseer—of what?—I was in Butterfield and Swire's.

Why did you leave?—Through a false charge. You assaulted a Chinaman?—It has nothing to do with this case.

A Chinaman summoned you for assault?—No, the contractor never said anything against me; it was only a coolie.

Well, he is a Chinaman, isn't he?—Oh yes.

He charged you with assault, I believe?—No, with breaking his arm.

Well, isn't that assault?—That has to be seen. And it was proved, and that was why you were dismissed?—I was not dismissed, I resigned, because I had to.

This present quarrel began with you telling Quin that Osborne had been making false charges against Mrs. Quin?—No, only telling lies.

Against Mrs. Quin?—Not that I remember. There were stories about her?—Yes. Originated by you?—No.

Mrs. Cotton was then called and gave corroborative evidence as to the brawl.

In the course of her evidence the witness said there had been a quarrel between the Cottons and Captain Wright's daughter; the Wrights then left the neighbourhood, but for what reason the witness could not say.

Mr. Bowley:—How do you account for Mrs. Palmer's black eye?—I don't know, but when she got hold of my hair of course I let out all I could.

Did you not strike her before she touched you?—No, she is very much bigger than I, she once hit a man in the eye and blacked it, I never did.

There were six of your party against the two defendants?—N, there were many people there, but not on our side; they all said "Let the women fight it out, don't interfere."

At twelve o'clock the case was adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

"ONLY A TRAMP."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—Re the letter from "Another Tramp" in your last issue, there appears to be a great omission, no reference, in that elegant composition having been made to Mother Sigel's Syrup. Can you kindly explain this deficiency? I would advise your correspondent, before again rushing into print, to make himself perfectly *au fait* as to the facts of the late deplorable collision, and to exercise a certain amount of common sense, should he have any.

Yours faithfully,

COASTER.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1894.

into the management of the expenditures of the British section at the Chicago World's Fair. It is asserted that there has been gross mismanagement, inadequate representation and wasteful expenditure.

The churches of the London Missionary Society have received a telegram from Lagos, West Africa, announcing the death of the famous Niger missionary, Bishop Hill, and his wife.

The Government has ordered the renewal of the express service from Queenstown to London for the American mails, as they are arriving too late by the ordinary service.

PARIS, January 9th. The Chamber of Deputies reassembled today. The election of a permanent President was postponed, as a sufficient number of voters was not present. The Senate adjourned until Thursday.

Great precautions are being taken in the Chamber and Senate regarding the admission of strangers into the galleries, in view of possible anarchist outrages.

Two thousand anarchist pamphlets, entitled the "Manifesto of Anarchy and Anarchy," were seized today at the Northern railway station. They were intended for the editor of *La Revolt* and came from Belgium.

ROME, January 9th. A dispatch from Rome says that an anti-tax mob today overran the town of Rieti, and burned the Control office, sentry-boxes and tax bureau. The mob also destroyed the Union Club-house, tore up the rails of the horse-car line, cut the telegraph wires and attacked the gendarmes in their barracks.

The gendarmes eventually were so hard-pressed that they fired a volley at the mob, but the rioting continued until the arrival of troops sent from Rome. One of the rioters was killed and four wounded. Twenty were captured, but eight escaped and fled to Corato, with the intention of inciting riots there.

NEW YORK, January 9th. A special to the evening *State-Zeitung* from Berlin says that there is no question regarding the legality of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria to the Lieutenant von Zedlitz of Buttenheim, the Princess's grandfather, in order to please her, has yielded to the young man's entreaties and decreed her husband's reception into the Austrian army. Von Zedlitz, since January 1st, has been a Lieutenant in the Schlesien Infantry Regiment of Francis Joseph

ordered to complete the arming forthwith of the forts on the Front and of the batteries on the Tyrrhenian sea. Several army corps have been ordered to be in readiness for war.

The news caused great excitement in Venice. It is believed the reason for these extraordinary steps is the fact that the Italian Government has positive proof that France is siding the revolutionary movement in Sicily.

PARIS, January 10th.

Flobert, the inventor of the Flobert carbine, is dead.

Dupuy was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies by 290 votes to 57.

ROME, January 11th.

If Sicily remains as quiet as at present General Morra di Lavirio, commander-in-chief there, will soon start on a tour of the island.

A thorough censorship of the press has been established in Palermo.

Father Ursi, who was arrested on account of his relations to the Socialist Deputy, Giuseppe de Felice, will be removed to Palermo.

Nearly 6,000 men were embarked to-day at Naples for Sicily.

In Central Italy, where an outbreak against the Government's Sicilian policy has been feared, the temper of the people has changed, and they are now feeling the troops starting for Sicily.

The excursion steamer *Sibilla* was sunk in a collision after leaving Naples to-day. An engineer and a priest and his niece were drowned. As the first report of the accident said the steamship was loaded with troops, a great crowd gathered at the Naples docks and remained there, until the correct account of the accident was given.

BERLIN, January 11th.

In the Reichstag to-day the provincial commercial arrangement with Spain received the second reading.

Count Pesadosky, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, in a two hours' speech, proposed the first reading of the new tobacco tax bill.

Herr Filzen, on behalf of the Centerists, declared the bill not acceptable. It is considered that Filzen's declaration settled the fate of the bill.

VIENNA, January 11th.

It is reported that Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, is dead.

TURIN, January 11th.

There is absolutely not the slightest foundation in the sensational report that Louis Kossuth, the aged Hungarian patriot, is dead. There is also no truth in the report spread that Kossuth is dying. In fact, there is no foundation for the statement that the patriot is in ill health.

Kossuth is enjoying the very best of health, considering his age, and was very much annoyed at having to deny once more the frequently revived false statement as to his sickness and death. The friends of the veteran leader are indignant at the lying reports circulated concerning his health.

LONDON, January 11th.

A dispatch to the *Standard* from Rome says: The Pope has been so pressed by the report of Cardinal Rampolla on the gloomy condition of Sicily that he has ordered the Cardinal to endeavor to ascertain whether the foreign Ambassadors had received any special instructions as to how to act in the event of matters assuming a revolutionary aspect. The New Year receptions enabled Cardinal Rampolla to breach the subject to the Ambassadors, with the result that he learned that the Powers did not anticipate anything serious.

PARIS, January 11th.

Chamuel Lacour was to-day re-elected President of the Senate.

NEW YORK, January 11th.

There has been a rumor in Wall Street for several days that large New York banks had united in a stand not to furnish any more gold for export. So far as can be learned there has been no such compact entered into, but it is a fact that if a demand is made for more gold to ship abroad, the shippers will be told that he will have to get it from the Sub-Treasury.

"The whole situation," said a prominent banker, "is that the banks of this city will not pay out any more of the gold they now hold to help the Treasury until it has made plain its future policy. When a commercial house gets into a financial hole it issues notes and raises money to tide it over until matters right themselves again. Now the Treasury, through its own negligence and folly, has a big hole made in its reserve, and the office is constantly increasing. Several weeks ago when there was talk of gold exports and some was sent abroad, bankers here, under the impression that in the immediate future something would be done in Washington to relieve the condition of affairs in the National Treasury, decided that they would furnish from their own holdings gold for export to the extent of \$20,000,000 or \$15,000,000. But weeks have passed, nothing has been done, times are hard, and it is a case of every one for himself."

Other bank presidents seen expressed themselves much in the same way, but declined to be quoted. The general opinion seems to be that a bond issue would relieve the situation and release part of the \$20,000,000 of deposits held by the banks here.

BERLIN, January 11th.

The committee organized for the purpose of erecting a monument to Bismarck met to-day, after two years of inaction. The members of the committee who occupy high offices were absent. It is announced that the amount of money now at the disposal of the committee is \$250,000 marks. A sub-committee was appointed with instructions to report upon a site for the monument in April next.

Two Americans giving their names as John Harden of Washington and Frank Glover of San Francisco, were sentenced to-day, each to thirty months' imprisonment, after being convicted of swindling a number of jewelers of this city. Harden and Glover refused to give the police any information regarding their past life, and accepted the sentence with the remark that it was "all right."

A dispatch from Darmstadt says that the marriage of the Grand Duke of Hesse and Princess Victoria of Coburg will take place early in the spring, and the Queen of England will be present at the ceremony.

It is announced that the Russian delegates have agreed to the proposed Russo-German commercial treaty, and the duration of the treaty is to be ten years.

ANTWERP, January 11th.

The Jesuit college here was partially burned to-day. The loss is \$150,000 francs.

BERLIN, January 11th.

A fresh Cabinet crisis exists and the King is conferring with the opposition leaders.

BOMBAY, January 11th.

Herr von Eichen, founder of the maritime Observatory at Hamburg, is dead.

A semi-official Note published to-day in the *Temps* announces that the French exhibitors at Chicago will demand compensation for losses suffered by the recent fire on the World's Fair grounds. The note ends with the remark: "Doubtless the Americans will admit these just demands."

PARIS, January 11th.

A hundred-mile bicycle race concluded to-day between the British hundred-mile champion, Linton, and the French champion, Dubois.

Linton led after twenty miles, but then he increased his lead to a lap owing to Dubois falling. The crowd booed him. Linton finally won by over a lap. An American acted as pace-maker for the winner.

LONDON, January 11th.

Bismarck's health is reported to be not quite satisfactory. Besides the old gastric disorder he has suffered recently from influenza. The attack appeared to pass off quickly, but Dr. Schweininger was summoned to Friedrichshagen on Friday. It is stated that the personal appearance of Bismarck has altered lately for the worse. He is considerably thinner and his face looks smaller. His steel-gray eyes, nevertheless, are as lustreous as ever.

London high society was exasperated last week by a series of articles in the *St. James Gazette*, detailing the experiences of an American young woman, who advertised for a chaplain who could introduce her into court and other exclusive circles. Elizabeth L. Banks, who recently started a controversy by her investigation of the domestic servant problem, assumed the rôle of the American belle. The mass of replies which were received from more or less impetuous persons of title, although piled without the names of the writers, has made a genuine sensation. Two chapters have been devoted to tentative offers of marriage from sons of British nobility. The *express* may be accepted as conclusive proof, both of the hard times in Great Britain and of the venality of the British aristocracy.

A dispatch to the *Times* from Calcutta says that the Government's refusal to indicate its intentions in regard to silver, is causing general disappointment and an unfavorable influence upon exchange, which, for the first time in many months, has fallen below 15. The silence of the financial authorities is incomprehensible. The outlook meanwhile is becoming gloomier daily, and a most difficult and complicated situation will have to be confronted soon.

The large premises at Kings Cross, occupied by Joseph Thorley as a manufactory of cattle food, were burned to-day. The loss is \$70,000.

DRESDEN, January 11th.

The Diet by a vote of 60 to 14 has rejected the motion of the Socialists for universal and equal suffrage at the Diet elections.

PARIS, January 11th.

The Tribunal of Commerce to-day, in an action brought by the liquidator of the Société de Dépôts et Comptes Courants against M. Gautier, managing director, Baron Polsson, director, M. Donon, chairman of the board of directors, and other directors, claiming \$3,000,000 francs, said to have been lost by maladministration, which resulted in the bankruptcy of the society, awarded the liquidator a verdict for 6,000,000 francs.

BERLIN, January 11th.

The incident at the banquet of the Commercial Congress on Friday last, which caused Herr Miquel to resign the banquet hall in anger, after being criticized, has been settled by a satisfactory explanation which has been furnished Miquel by the president of the Congress.

Advices received from St. Petersburg say that the French police have sent a communication to the Russian police, stating that a number of revolutionary documents were seized by the police of different towns of France during the recent anarchist raids. These documents are said to compromise a number of Russians at St. Petersburg and other parts of Russia.

As a result of these communications the Russian police are said to have made a series of domiciliary visits and have arrested a number of nihilists. It is also said that many Russians of all classes are now being shadowed by the police, and documents found in France are believed to have pointed to a plot involving attempts upon the lives of the imperial family on New Year's day, when exceptional precautions were taken to protect the different members of the imperial family.

Count Dellanoff, Minister of Education, is taking vigorous steps to prevent outbreaks upon the part of the students. The Minister will also pay particular attention to any outbreak which may occur in the schools of St. Petersburg and other large towns.

A duel with pistols was fought to-day between Dr. Roemer and Herr de la Croix, a military officer. The doctor was killed. De la Croix surrendered to the police.

Eight shots were exchanged by the combatants. Dr. Roemer accompanied Major Wisman on the latter's last expedition to Lake Nyman.

In the Reichstag Dr. Miquel, Minister of Finance, said that the necessity for an increase of the imperial revenue was generally recognized. The reduction of the Customs revenue amounted to \$5,000,000 marks and no practical counter proposals had been made. Against the tobacco bill it was suggested that the essential point was that imperial charges should not be shifted upon the shoulders of the individual states, for it was claimed the Empire must rather give than be perpetually asking.

Herr Richter in reply said the bill would simply mean the death of the tobacco industry. After further discussion the tobacco bill was referred to the Stamp Tax Committee in spite of the opposition of the Radicals, South Germans, People's party and Socialists.

The Association of German Iron-Workers have elected Herr Krupp an honorary member and passed unanimous resolutions condemning Commissioner Reuleaux's action in Chicago as liable to hurt German industry.

WASHINGTON, January 11th.

Private letters received here from American travellers in Asia state that the great mosque at Damascus, one of the most famous buildings in the world, has been destroyed by fire, a fact that has been suppressed by the Turkish authorities. Underneath the building was a cave in which the head of John the Baptist was said to be preserved in a golden casket.

Authorities have thought it highly probable that this was the site of the Temple of Solomon, and that it became in after time the seat of worship of Jupiter. In the fourth century it was turned into a church and dedicated to John the Baptist, and it was subsequently seized by the followers of Mohammed.

At a meeting of the Right party to-day the impending crisis was avoided, and the Government will introduce a bill for proportional representation.

WARSAW, January 11th.

A sudden change for the worse has taken place in the condition of Count Gorky, the distinguished Russian General.

MONTREAL, January 11th.

The reports of starvation in Manitoba and the North-west are being verified. The advices state that hundreds of destitute people are walking the streets of Winnipeg, and the distress is terrible. To make matters worse, the Canadian Pacific Co. has discharged a large number of men.

PRAGUE, January 11th.

The Omladina secret society trial commenced to-day. There are seventy-seven prisoners, including newspaper men, printers, clerks and artisans. They are charged with belonging to a dangerous secret society, with high treason, insulting the Emperor and holding.

Frank Starin, the fugitive, was to-day committed to Holloway prison for twelve days for debt. The warrant was suspended for a month.

The *Pail Mail Gazette* to-day was printed wholly by the use of electrical power.

PARIS, January 11th.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day an agency was demanded for the construction of the 44 paces.

After a lively discussion the motion was voted affirmatively.

The daughter of the condemned anarchist, Vaillant, has disappeared. It is believed that she has been kidnapped by some would-be guardian.

BERLIN, January 10th.

Emperor William opened the Prussian Diet to-day. In his address he said the growing deficiency in the estimates could only be removed by the reorganization of the finances of the empire and an adequate increase of its resources. The Emperor added that the Government would continue its efforts to promote the prosperity of the agricultural classes and enable them to cope with the hard times.

The revenue returns for 1893 show that the expenditures exceed the receipts by 40,000,000 marks. The excess of expenditures is mostly for military purposes. A bill of indemnity will be necessary. The result will be some exciting debates in the Reichstag.

The German Government, yielding to the desire of the Chief Judge of Samoa, has given its consent to the continuation of the Samoan Land Commission, believing Judge Ide to be able and fitted to pacify the country speedily.

MADRID, January 10th.

The Sultan of Morocco is organizing an army to proceed against the insurgent Rifians.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), January 10th.

There is no truth in the report that a company of volunteers is being formed here to aid Queen Elizabeth in her journey to the throne of Hawaii. As ex-Rifian officers advertised for volunteers for Hawaii, and 200 presented themselves, but no money being in sight the affair fell through. Interested parties in Seattle and San Francisco were telegraphed to for funds, but no financial encouragement was offered.

CHICAGO, January 10th.

In a six-round contest to-night between "Shadow" Mober and "Dutch" Neal the decision was in favor of Neal.

PRAGUE, January 10th.

The trial of the members of the Omladina secret society, charged with high treason, was continued to-day. Counsel urged that the trial be held in a larger court. The President warned the counsel that if his protest were repeated the accused would be tried in batches of ten, so that the preliminary imprisonment of some of them would extend over two years. The indictment was then read.

ZANZIBAR, January 10th.

News has been received that William Astor Chandler, the American explorer, has been deserted by eighty of his porters. He is now in Darsho, with eighteen porters. He is safe and in no danger.

TIFLIS, January 10th.

The Shah of Persia is ill with influenza. His condition is very serious.

ROME, January 10th.

Continuous withdrawals have compelled the Banca Generale to apply for a moratorium. It has a capital of 100,000,000 lire. The assets exceed the liabilities 25,000,000 lire. It has branches at Milan and Genoa.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 10th.

A political aspect, well informed about the movement of the extreme anti-Government party, has been interviewed regarding the reported plot against the Czar. He said: "Nihilism, as a philosophical political theory, is practically dead. Chronic hunger now drives the people to violence. Several of the best known men in the country are aware of the existence of secret societies, though not themselves members, and cordially wished them success. It was hoped last autumn to organize a rising in the provinces, and if the plan had succeeded some of the most honored men in the empire would have taken the lead."

BRUSSELS, January 10th.

The Emperor to-day held the Chapter of the Order of the Black Eagle and invested Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Count von Eulenburg and Prince von Schaumburg-Lippe with that decoration.

The Committee of the Municipal Government has rejected Singer's motion that a day's work of eight hours be provided for municipal employees. The committee adopted a motion to provide extra work on public buildings during the rest of the winter.

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